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Stiffed servers finally receive overdue tips

They've earned it. About 90 Chickie's and Pete's waitstaff will get paid this week after the $1.68 million lawsuit settlement over alleged tip-skimming. **Not done yet.** More than 1,100 others are still waiting for their money. PAGE 04

ON AIR WITH DJ MIKE ADAM

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DJ Mike Adam, whose voice you hear every weeknight on Q102, keeps the Greater Philadelphia region dancing all night. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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By the numbers

35%

SEPTA officials over the weekend saw a 35 percent increase in ridership for the new weekend overnight service that started Saturday at midnight into early Sunday morning over the previous Nite Owl bus service. A total of 5,792 riders were counted.

Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1. 'Alex Trebek set a Guinness record for number of episodes hosted'
2. 'KFC offers $30K after worker allegedly asks girl mauled by pit bulls to leave restaurant'
3. 'John Oliver hilariously bashes Daniel Snyder over Redskins name'

Hanging out with Mike Adam on the air at Q102

DJ Mike Adam, in the Q102 studios, says he gets thousands of requests a night. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Top of the pops. Spinning records every weeknight to make Philly groove is one man's sacred mission.

When Q102 DJ Mike Adam grabs the microphone for his daily show at 7 p.m., the studio turns into a nightclub that broadcasts live all night long.

"There's something going on every second," said Adam, 29, in between songs and phone calls from listeners on a recent night doing the show.

"Twitter is nonstop — I get hundreds, thousands of requests," he said. "Girls are always calling up, saying, 'We're in our dorm room getting ready to party!' I love that."

But the Connecticut native had to fight hard to get to where he is. An ethnic Albanian, Adam grew up with his mom and sister and was working in the family grocery store by 14.

"I was always motivated to be a hard worker," Adam said. "I fought hard to get in the door."

Besides the Q102 gig, Adam interviews musicians on "Music Beat," his show on PHL17, has his show syndicated on Kiss FM Phoenix and Kiss Greensboro North Carolina, and pens a column for PopStar! magazine. "I'm a workaholic," he admits. "Clearly I love what I do."

Visit **Metro.us** for more of DJ Mike Adam's favorite tunes to play.

Quoted

"If there's an elephant in the room, how am I not gonna ask the question everyone wants to know? Then I wouldn't want to listen to that!"

Adam, on interviewing stars

Kanye West, Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber and the boys from One Direction have all graced Adam's studio for interviews. "Anybody you can imagine, if they're coming to Philly, they're stopping here."

The key rule to interviewing stars is keeping it real, Adam said. "I don't want to sound like every other jock. You don't wanna hear something you coulda just Googled. They'd call bulls–, especially in Philly! It's part of the job. These things you know or you don't even crack the mic."

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Is it a fun job playing your favorite tunes?

"I listen to these songs 5,000 times," Adam said.

"I like it for the first however many days ... but clearly, I enjoy what I do." Here's a sample playlist:

- **Ariana Grande/Iggy Azalea** — "Problem"
- **DJ Snake/Lil Jon** — "Turn Down For What"
- **Katy Tiz** — "The Big Bang"
- **Ed Sheeran** — "Sing"
- **Paramore** — "Ain't It Fun"
- **Love it? Hate it?** Speak your mind to **@MikeAdamOnAir**

Spreading. Drexel plans $1B expansion

Shortly after the School District finalized the deal to sell the former University City High School campus to Drexel University on Monday, the college laid out its $1 billion plan to remake the 14-acre space in its own image.

The university said it is pulling together $1 billion to develop new student housing, retail stores, university offices, parking space and possibly a public school on the property.

The university bought the campus for $25 million.

The university partnered with James R. Berens' Wexford Science & Technology LLC to buy the space, which was formerly home to University City High School, Charles Drew Elementary School and Walnut Center. METRO

Gunfire

Boy, 13, shot in South Philly

A 13-year-old boy is in stable condition at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia after he was shot in the arm and backside on the 2000 block of Mountain Street in South Philadelphia, reports said.

After the shooting, two armed men barricaded themselves inside the home. METRO

Quick way to get a gun

Man charged with gun range robberies

Samiyyah Poteat, 21, allegedly robbed a man leaving a gun range near Ninth and Spring Garden streets at gunpoint of a backpack with two handguns on June 11 at 6:40 p.m., police said Monday.

Samiyyah Poteat / PPD

Poteat allegedly robbed another victim, who was shot in the leg, outside a gun range in Northeast Philadelphia the next day. METRO

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Payday arrives for Chickie's and Pete's waitstaff

Settled. Some will receive up to $45,000 each in the "tip-skimming" settlement.

More than two years after former Chickie's and Pete's bartender Anthony LaPlante filed a lawsuit against the popular chain restaurant for alleged tip-skimming, about 90 waitstaff involved in the class action lawsuit are receiving their payouts this week.

Employees and former employees at the sports-bar chain famed for its original "crab fries," who signed on to this lawsuit will receive from $1,200 to $45,000 from a $1.68 million settlement negotiated by lawyer Lou Pechman, reports say.

The suit originally claimed that Chickie's and Pete's skirted minimum wage requirements by forcing bartenders and waitstaff to pay 2 percent to 4 percent of their gross sales back to the restaurant in cash — a fee workers allegedly called the "Pete Tax" in reference to owner Peter Ciarrocchi Jr.

Other allegations

The DOL found that Chickie's and Pete's did not allow waitstaff to leave until their carpeted sections were clean, but only provided them with brooms. Therefore, employees were "required to purchase their own Shark vacuum cleaners."

- Servers were also forced to pay the bills of "dine and dash" patrons.
- Bartenders had to make up for any shortage in their end-of-shift cash till using personal funds.
- Waiters also had to pay for their own uniforms, and were not paid overtime even when working shifts in excess of 10 hours long.

By the numbers

$6.8M

The amount Chickie's and Pete's settled on with the DOL

1,159

The number of other employees who will be paid that settlement

Waitstaff claimed that a manager at each franchise location would collect the "tax" from waitstaff at the shift's end and that a representative from the corporate office would once a week come and pick up the cash.

Employees who didn't make enough to cover the tip-out were told by managers to "tap MAC," or withdraw the money from their personal bank accounts.

Chickie's and Pete's also settled a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Labor for $6.8 million that will go to 1,159 other employees, but that settlement has not officially been paid out yet.

The Department of Labor investigated Chickie's and Pete's after the tip-skimming lawsuit was filed and filed a lawsuit of their own against the chain for violating the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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Solving problems using teamwork

Bryn Mawr College psychology student Devin Arey and participant Luke Elrath take part in a problem-solving study in Rittenhouse Square on Monday afternoon. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Painful Varicose Veins?

Now is the time to take care of it! Varicose veins are MORE than just a cosmetic problem. They can also be a warning sign of a condition called Venous Insufficiency that kills over half a million people every year.

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MacBooks. Apple laptops taken from elementary school

Police released surveillance video Monday which shows two young men stroll into a Manayunk elementary school and walk out with $17,000 worth of Apple computers.

The two juveniles entered the Dobson School, at 4667 Umbria Street, through an unlocked front door on June 10 at 6:15 a.m., police said.

Police said the two juveniles then broke into a charging cart in a second-floor classroom and removed 13 MacBook laptops that in total were valued at $17,927.

The two were seen on the video carrying out the computers in a green, camouflage duffel bag.

In February, a man was caught on surveillance video stealing eight MacBook computers from Southwark Elementary School in South Philadelphia. TOMMY ROWAN

Got info?

Anyone with information can contact the Northwest Detective Division at 215-686-3353 or 3354 or submit an anonymous tip by dialing 215.686.TIPS (8477) or texting a tip to 773847.

Suspects

- **Suspect No. 1:** Juvenile male, mid to late teens, medium build, wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt
- **Suspect No. 2:** Juvenile male, mid to late teens, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt carried a green camouflage duffel bag

Looking like 'Bloomsday' in Rittenhouse Square

James Joyce aficionados gathered in Rittenhouse Square on Monday to listen to readings from his famous novel "Ulysses," which takes place on June 16. Celebrations are held on "Bloomsday" — named after the novel's central character — around the world. The novel's original manuscript is housed in Philadelphia. Former Gov. Ed Rendell read. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Two injured

School bus, truck collide in Northeast

A collision between a school bus and a pickup truck on Roosevelt Boulevard on Monday morning in Northeast Philadelphia sent one student and the truck driver to the hospital, police said.

The school bus, which was occupied by the driver, two attendants and eight students, was traveling northbound around 8 a.m. in the outer lanes when it hit the rear of a pickup truck that was stopped at the red light.

The student and truck driver were treated for minor injuries. METRO

Precautions

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Five students were taken to Aria-Torresdale Hospital for evaluation as a precaution and were released.

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Federal ban

Obama to sign order barring discrimination against gays

President Barack Obama will sign an executive order barring federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, a White House official said.

The White House has been pressing Congress to pass legislation to ban employment discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and has resisted issuing an executive order in favor of pursuing a broader, legislative solution. But Obama has spent the year taking executive action on other domestic priorities where Congress has failed to make legislative headway, and activists have pressed him to do the same on gay rights. REUTERS

Options. US considers air strikes, action with Iran to halt Iraq rebels

An F/A-18 takes off from a U.S. aircraft carrier. / GETTY IMAGES

The United States said it could launch air strikes and act jointly with its arch-enemy Iran to support the Iraqi government, after a rampage by Sunni Islamist insurgents across Iraq that has brought accusations of war crimes.

Militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have routed Baghdad's army and seized the north of the country in the past week, threatening to dismember Iraq and unleash all-out sectarian warfare with no regard for national borders.

The fighters have been joined by other armed Sunni groups who oppose what they say is oppression by Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, a Shi'ite.

The United Nations human rights chief said forces allied with ISIL had almost certainly committed war crimes by executing hundreds of noncombatant men. REUTERS

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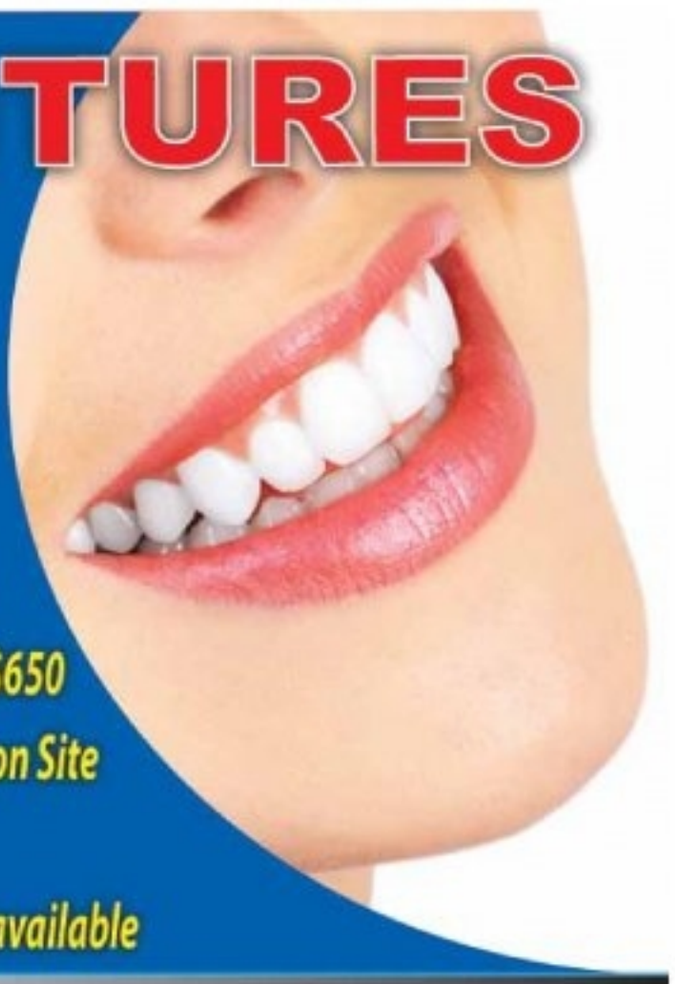

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Discrimination

UN rights chief calls for end to female mutilation

Female genital mutilation, the excision of the clitoris practiced widely in African and many Muslim countries, is a means for men to maintain control of women and must be eradicated, U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay said on Monday.

"FGM is a form of gender-based discrimination and violence. It is a violation of the right (of women and girls) to physical and mental integrity," Pillay told a gathering on the issue at the world body's Human Rights Council.

"As many as 30 million girls are at risk of undergoing it over the next decade, if current trends persist."

By the numbers

125M

Even if a global campaign against the practice continued at its current level of success, it would be 60 years until the 125 million people now affected was reduced by half.

The traditional practice, often justified as a means of suppressing a woman's sexual desire and so preventing "immoral" behavior, "represents a way to exercise control over women," she said. She was backed at the session by Chantal Compaore, wife of President Blaise Compaore of the West African republic of Burkina Faso, who has been pushing efforts on the continent to persuade communities to abandon it. REUTERS

Former DC mayor out with memoir

Cracked wide open. Marion Barry talks about his life.

Former Washington D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, whose conviction for cocaine possession overshadowed his legacy as a civil rights crusader, is out with an autobiography that aims to tell his story.

"Mayor for Life: The Incredible Story of Marion Barry Jr." is set to hit stands Tuesday. The title refers to how some critics described Barry's four tumultuous terms that set the perception of local politics in the nation's capital.

The Washington Post called the 336-page memoir a "tell-enough" about Barry's career, which has mingled championing black empowerment with scandal, most notoriously his 1990 arrest for smoking crack cocaine at a downtown hotel.

"I don't want my life and legacy to be all about what happened to me at the Vista Hotel," wrote the 78-year-old former mayor. REUTERS

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Marion Barry speaks with reporters. / GETTY IMAGES

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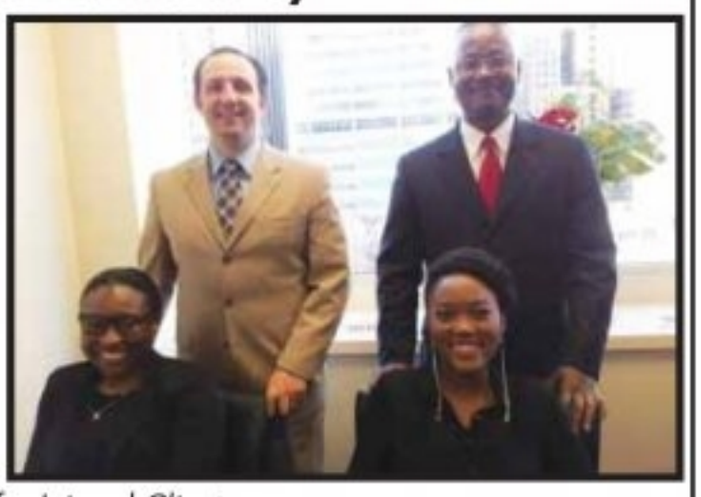

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OMG! We're not too far from flying into the future with a hovercraft

A sci-fi hover bike, akin to the flying forest speeders in "Return of the Jedi," is set to take off by 2017. The Aero-X, designed by California-based Aerofex Corporation, uses ducted rotors in a similar fashion to a helicopter but with greater control. The aircraft, which costs $85,000 and can fly at 45 mph, will only hover to heights of 15 feet, so that a pilot's licence isn't required. Chief Technology Officer Mark De Roche tells Metro why we'll all be riding into the future on a hovercraft.

Did you decide to design this after watching 'Return of the Jedi'?

[Laughs] I hate to disappoint, but I've only seen one of the "Star Wars" movies and it didn't influence the design.

In the James Bond movie 'Die Another Day,' hovercraft float over minefields. Is the military interested?

"Our goal is to set up air parks where people can be trained in a scenic environment, as the hovercraft doesn't damage land in the same way that a car does," says De Roche. / LARRY BARTHOLOMEW

It's not going to be used by the military at this stage. But the Aero-X can be used for ranching, crop dusting and search and rescue.

Is it like riding a hovercraft or a motorcycle?

It's probably closer to a motorcycle. You're in a dynamic air environment. At first your eyes are fixed on the ground but when you get used to focusing on the horizon and adapt to the winds, you're transported into a different element. You bank into a turn based on the wind, like sailing – you get an intuitive sense about the wind.

If it's like a motorcycle, does that mean you require a helmet?

I didn't wear one for quite some time, and the guys and I decided it was reckless. We were in the desert so I didn't feel much need, but it likely will depend on the laws of a country whether a helmet will be required. EDWARD THOMPSON

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Tips. Tuition fees are leaving some parents strapped. Here's how to minimize your debt.

For some, the financial burden of higher education can be overwhelming. / THINKSTOCK

Over the last decade, the cost of undergraduate tuition plus room and board spiked 40 percent at public institutions. Private schools experienced a 28 percent rise.

According to 2013 Sallie Mae figures, on average parents cover roughly 36 percent of the total cost of their child's college attendance.

"One good way to lower the financial burden of higher education is to save substantial amounts of money ahead of time," says Dean Florez, president and CEO of the Michelson 20 Million Minds Foundation.

The organization, founded by Dr. Gary Michelson, aims to disrupt the status quo by helping to eliminate unnecessary barriers for struggling students.

"There are a number of special accounts to help with this, including the 529 plan, which is similar to a retirement plan but for the purpose of college savings," says Florez.

Starting at a community college or living at home while commuting to an in-state college can be major money savers in the long run as well. According to Florez, doing a year or two at a community college can save amounts into five figures.

Parents should keep in mind that higher education is still a good investment. According to a recent report in The New York Times, Americans with four-year college degrees made 98 percent more an hour last year when compared to people without degrees.

Tip

Choose a school where your child qualifies for financial aid

In other words, opt for cheaper public schools over pricier private ones. Also, eschewing costly private loans for more affordable government-backed loans makes good financial sense and reduces cost.

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By the numbers

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Estimated cost of one year of undergraduate study at a public college or university, according to data from the U.S. Department of Education

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Estimated cost of one year of undergraduate study at a private institution, according to the same study

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Average percentage of a child's college education that is covered by parents, according to a report by Sallie Mae

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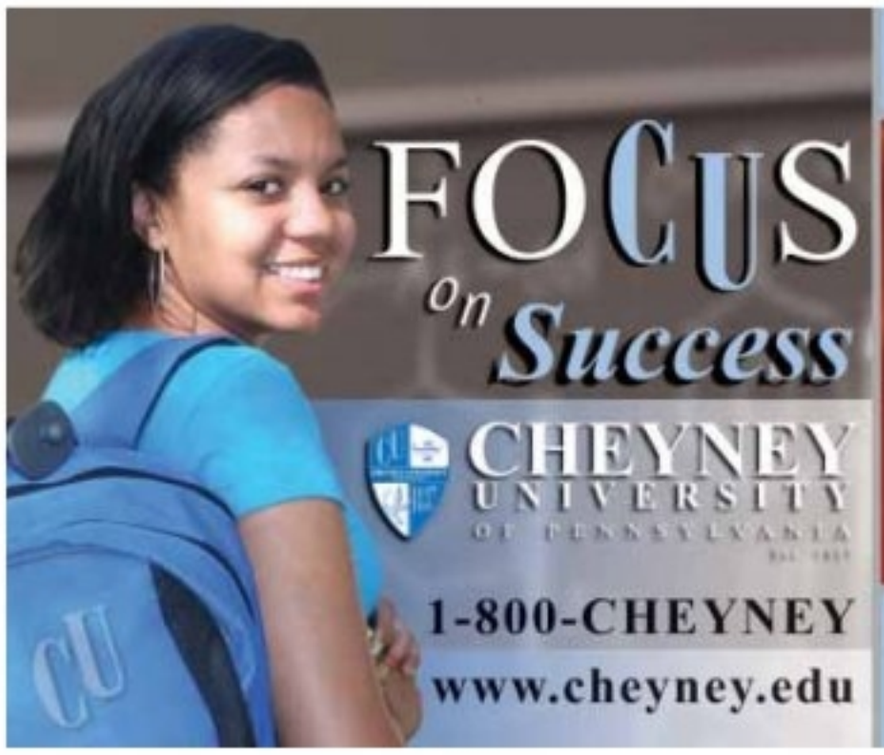

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Jobs. How to avoid working a 9 to 5 job and set your own hours

Saima Huq also volunteers at the Central Park Zoo. / PROVIDED

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How in the world do you have time to work four jobs?
None of my jobs are 9 to 5; I tried that, and it just wasn't for me. I work with Columbia University's Hip-Hop Public Health to teach fourth through sixth graders what to do if someone is having a stroke and also how they can develop healthy habits. I also do street surveys for the Bureau of Infectious Disease. I asked people what they thought of the free NYC condoms. It's really fun and interesting!

What are your other two jobs?
Third, I am a personal trainer. I have my own clients and go to their homes. And last, I'm producing and acting in a production of "Death of a Salesman."

Your background is in public health. How did you learn how to produce?
It was an interest of mine, so I emailed someone who was doing it and asked him to coffee. He kind of showed me the ropes and taught me what to do. That job I definitely don't do for the money; it's the job where I lose money! The production opens next week, so that's really exciting.

Do you work your jobs for the money or because you want to?
Both! I do it for the money, but I'm fortunate that I like everything I do. I know a lot of people don't have the luxury of even considering that question.

The Stats

Saima Huq

Age: 40
Residency: Brooklyn, New York
Lives: Alone
Number of jobs: 4

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Kanye, the family man

This is a version of Kanye West we really, really like. Kim Kardashian posted this picture of her husband and daughter on Instagram on Father's Day, which was also North West's birthday. It's nice to see a different side of Kanye than the weirdo ranting away on stage about crazy stuff like he'll be "going after Shakespeare and Walt Disney" (yup, he said that at Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival on Friday). Sleeping should be your new thing, Kanye! LASSE E. KRISTIANSEN

2

Nicole Kidman may have had implants

Nicole Kidman made quite an impression on the red carpet at the Swisse Celebrate Life Ball in Melbourne, donning a Prada gown with a plunging neckline, and some are saying the Oscar-winning actress was showing off some newly enlarged assets. "It appears she has had a pretty impressive breast augmentation. I suspect that she has gone from a big A or small B to a full C [cup size]," Dr. Anthony Youn, who has not treated Kidman, tells Radar Online. "Overall I think it looks good, although maybe a touch overdone. It's also possible she still has some swelling."

3

Paltrow consciously re-coupling with Martin?

Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin seem to be consciously undoing their decision to consciously uncouple, as the duo is reportedly working things out, according to the Daily Mirror. "Chris still lives with her, they are amazingly lovey-dovey together and she still wears her wedding ring. They may have consciously uncoupled a few months ago, but they seem to be recoupling now. No one will be surprised if they get back together," a source tells the paper. "It's true they had problems, but in the weirdest way this 'conscious uncoupling' situation has relieved the pressure on them."

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Summer's hottest book is no beach read

Fiction. Courtney Maum's novel is one of the buzziest of the beach read season — but it's not fluff.

COURTNEY MAUM SPLITS HER TIME LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY, PARIS AND THE BERKSHIRES. COLIN LANE

It all started with a note taped on the outside of a French art gallery. The note read (in French), "Mr. Architect, you were wearing an elegant hat and you wanted to buy the blue bear. Please contact me." Courtney Maum was living in Paris at the time and experiencing years of writer's block, but that one note sparked the idea for her new extremely buzz-y novel, "I Am Having So Much Fun Here Without You."

The protagonist is a British artist named Richard who paints rooms as they appear through a keyhole, but he is more obsessed with pining over his ex-mistress than his art — or his wife. He starts regretting his affair about the same time his wife is done with him. "In my family history, everyone cheated on everyone else and got divorced. I found myself wondering, 'Did anyone try to work it out?'" Maum tells us.

Because the book addresses infidelity, early reviewers and readers are dissecting it, trying to pull marital lessons from these fictional characters. But that doesn't intimidate Maum. "I'm pretty flattered by that. I remember thinking that people who are married or think about marriage a lot would like this book," she says. "It's a bumpy road. Marriage is freaking awkward. You're not psyched after eight years to get into bed with the same person."

Quoted

"In my family history, everyone cheated on everyone else and got divorced. I found myself wondering, 'Did anyone try to work it out?'"

Maum

Maum says she wrote as if she were sitting there with Richard and his wife in the kitchen, with the baby upstairs: "I wrote with my heart," she says.

That's probably why, as a reader, you can't help but root for Richard — despite his many flaws.

That's not to say that creating a balanced character who was funny, dark and likable all at the same time was easy for Maum.

"When I wrote the first version back in 2002, I got a lot of rejection letters," she says. "All the editors thought Richard was too unlikable. At first I just thought they just weren't risk-takers, but when I read the manuscript again 10 years later, I realized they were right."

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Introductions. The young star of the indie sci-fi mystery "The Signal" will soon be everywhere.

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"The Signal" is really two films: a sci-fi thriller and a study of youth and heartbreak. In it, a recently dumped MIT freshman (Brenton Thwaites) is knocked out while tracking down a hacker and wakes up in a strange underground contamination center. There, he struggles to find out where he is and how he might escape.

For Thwaites, it felt like two separate movies. "We shot [the contamination center sections] first," the young Australian actor recalls. "Toward the end of shooting, it was a relaxed road trip vibe. There was no huge crew. It was such a different world from shooting in these long hallways and very brightly lit rooms."

Other parts of the film were shot in the New Mexico desert. Shooting in suffocating heat might have fatigued most actors, but Thwaites was used to it. After shooting in America, he filmed in the desert in Australia, then in one in Africa.

Besides, the desert has its perks. "It actually makes it easier, because you don't have to create [a character's emotions] so much," he says. The film he's shooting in Australia is mostly digital. "There's nothing here. There's no environment. It's all blue screen and pretending to look at things. In the desert, you really feel oppressed; you feel heavy. You feel tired. When you're tired, certain emotions are more available."

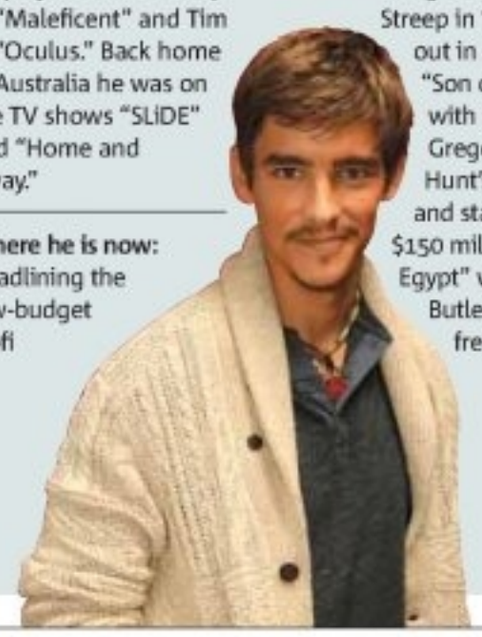
Thwaites had other physical traits to work through. His character has a muscular disease that crippled his legs, requiring the actor to use crutches. "There was one night I went out in my crutches to try and get a feel for how the character would move. Later on I went to the gym to run. And people would be like, 'Come on, this guy's a phony.'"

But although he only used crutches for part of the film, it still affected his characterization. "The feeling of not being able to do anything slowly depresses you," he says. That was right for his character, who is trying to reignite his relationship with his ex, who's on the road with him. "He feels that he's letting her down by not being able to physically be there for her."

Actor Brenton Thwaites plays an MIT freshman who awakens in a mysterious confinement center in "The Signal." / FOCUS FEATURES

The facts

Brenton Thwaites



- **Where you've seen him:** He played Prince Phillip in "Maleficent" and Tim in "Oculus." Back home in Australia he was on the TV shows "SLiDE" and "Home and Away."
- **Where he is now:** Headlining the low-budget sci-fi thriller "The Signal"
- **Where he will be:** With Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep in "The Giver," out in August; in "Son of a Gun," with Ewan McGregor; in Helen Hunt's "Ride"; and starring in the $150 million "Gods of Egypt" with Gerard Butler and Geoffrey Rush

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Like motherhood, gardening is about cultivating life, and there are no bigger gardening aficionados than the English. This is obvious every May when, as it has for the last 101 years, the insanely popular **RHS Chelsea Flower Show** comes to London. Fortunately, you don't have to know a thing about gardening to enjoy the breathtaking temporary displays or the permanent gardens on the hospital grounds. Can't get to London in May? RHS, the **Royal Horticultural Society (www.rhs.org.uk)**, has four gardens you can visit year-round. The one closest to the capital, RHS Garden Wisley, includes a stunning glass house showcasing exotic species you have likely never seen before.

A few hours to the north, in Yorkshire, is the RHS Garden Harlow Carr. Stroll through time, with gardens representing a particular era or season. Time-traveling can be exhausting, but fortunately, **Bettys (www.bettys.co.uk)** is on hand to offer sandwiches, baked goods and cups of that liquid comfort. When night falls, sleep soundly at **Wood Hall Hotel & Spa (www.handpickedhotels.co.uk)**, an English country manor that predictably exudes an air of refinement. The stuffed toy badger in your room, however, prevents you from mistakenly thinking that you're anywhere stuffy. Don't forget the spa, where a pregnancy massage or facial beckons.

When you've had your fill of flowers, England has no shortage of destinations steeped in history, including Windsor Castle, Hatfield House and the walled city of York. After stopping to smell the roses, you should be sufficiently relaxed and ready to tackle motherhood.

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The funniest parents on Twitter

Laugh it off. Here are the three moms and dads we favorite and retweet on a regular basis.

Parents say the darndest things. If you want someone self-depricating to commiserate with, add these moms and dads to your Twitter feed.

Stephanie McMaster @Smethanie · May 20
I can't even take a selfie in the privacy of my own bathroom without a kid barging its way in.
View more photos and videos

Comedian Stephanie McMaster (@smethanie) keeps it real. / TWITTER

Kelly Oxford

@kellyoxford
Kelly Oxford is the author of the New York Times best-selling book "Everything Is Perfect When You're A Liar."
Sample tweet: "'I always tell my friends not to sniff markers because it killed my great-grandmother.' - my 5 yr old daughter"

James Breakwell

@xplodingunicorn
Humor writing comes naturally to this funny dad, who has his own blog and writes his own Web comics.
Sample tweet: "To anyone out there thinking about having kids, today my 2 year old threw a temper tantrum because she couldn't get rid of her shadow."

Stephanie McMaster

@smethanie
Comedian and mom Stephanie McMaster is just as funny on Twitter as she is onstage. She tweets often, and you'll be tempted to favorite every single one of her tweets. Basically, she gets you.

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You may daydream about exotic destinations — but, in reality, experiencing cultural events in your own community will bring you just as much enjoyment.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You need to realistically examine your financial situation and do what it takes to protect your interests. Failing to keep on top of it could land you in debt.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Compromise, not conflict, will be the order of the day. You will lose an important ally if you are too argumentative or demanding.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Your current job may be falling short of your expectations. Improving your work situation should be your main focus.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You could use a few laughs. Some healthy competition will get your juices flowing. Challenge friends or family members to a word game.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Don't get involved in any power struggles today. If everyone does their own thing, there will be less chance for discord.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Listen and offer solutions to those who need someone to confide in, but don't be too quick to share your secrets.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Protect yourself by doing extensive research before making a radical career move. If you act on false information, you could undo your progress.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Experience is a great teacher, so consider the past before you make a move. Keep your emotions under control.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't let a shortage of funds hold you back. Others think highly of your talents and will support your efforts.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Dare yourself to try something new. You will become inspired if you choose to do things that are unfamiliar to you. Take the plunge. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Orientation is serious

Re: 'Some things should really just stay personal' (Metro, June 13-16) To reader C.M. Parns: If you had read the article ["I'm proud of who I am," Metro, June 10], you'd see exactly why it's important for people like Jennifer Lydon to "inform" us that transgendered people exist. When Lydon was 11, she read a similar piece about Renee Richards and realized she wasn't alone in the world.

That article changed her life. Very likely there are young people today who have been given hope from Lydon's piece.

To a gay teen with few role models, it certainly is "that damn serious."

RICHARD FEINBERG, VIA EMAIL

Everyone should get their say

Bravo to letter writer C.M. Parns for saying exactly what I was thinking! I'm pleading the First Amendment in saying that this whole revolution has gotten way out of control. If supporters of these movements are allowed to rub it in the face of everyone else, then we who feel differently should be allowed to voice our opinion as well. Maybe if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's really a dog or cat instead.

M. HULL, VIA EMAIL

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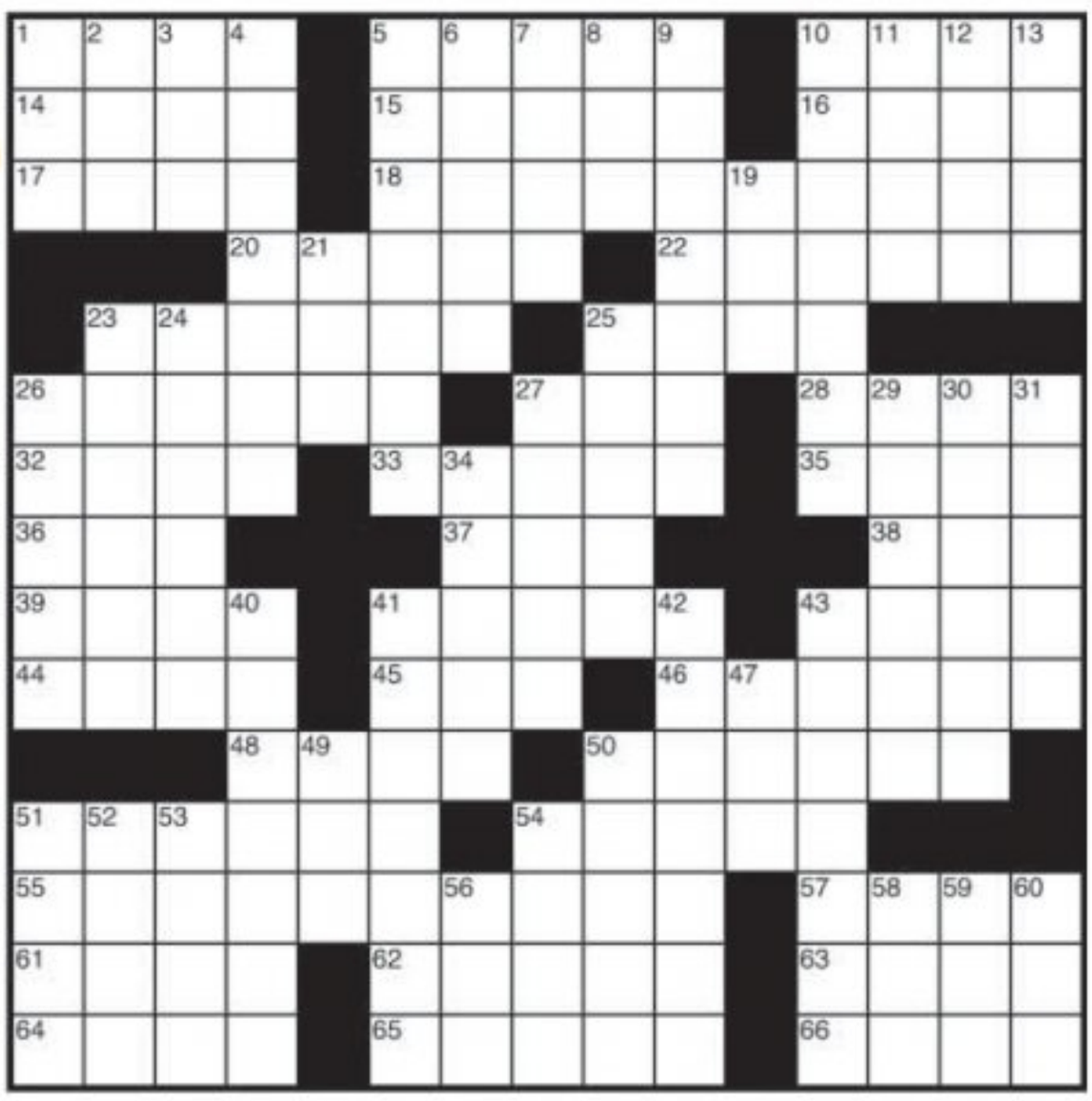

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Flyers priorities

Hextall wants Schenn back

Forward Brayden Schenn, just 22 years old, could be one of the Flyers' building blocks of the future after he compiled 20 goals and 21 assists in his first full season in Philly. Ron Hextall, the new Flyers GM, wants to make sure the team hangs on to him. "Brayden's our top priority in terms of wanting to get a guy signed," Hextall said, "but there's no real timeline. ... It's something that who knows how long it could go on."

Phils' Gwynn Jr., father shared a special bond

MLB. Baseball lost a giant Monday with the passing of Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn, father of the Phillies outfielder.

Tony Gwynn was lucky enough to coach his son for one season at San Diego State. / GETTY IMAGES

Tony Gwynn Jr. is a vocal doppelganger for his father, Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn.

"Whenever anyone calls the house and I pick up and they ask for Tony, I [ask], 'which one?'" Gwynn Jr. said.

Gwynn, the legendary San Diego Padres outfielder passed away at age 54 on Monday, according to Major League Baseball.

Gwynn, one of the greatest hitters of all-time, retired after the 2001 season with a .338 batting average and a NL record eight batting titles.

The lionized figure, who was known as "Mr. Padre," had undergone surgery for cancer of the mouth and salivary glands. The Los Angeles native believed the cancer was due to dipping tobacco for many years.

Gwynn Jr.'s brother Chris also played major league baseball. However, neither son could match what their father accomplished. Few ballplayers were ever on the level of Gwynn, who possessed a sweet left-handed swing.

"Nobody ever hit like my dad," Gwynn Jr. said.

While living in the age of "SportsCenter" and the ubiquity of PEDs, Gwynn avoided the juice and the big home run swing in favor of line drives. He was also never tempted to leave the small-market Padres, who with the exception of winning pennants in 1984 and 1998, were mostly lackluster.

Gwynn passed on free agency and opted instead to sign team-friendly deals.

"It was about quality of life," Gwynn Jr. said. "It was always about San Diego for my dad. For a few more million, it didn't make sense for him to move someplace else. He was happy there. That makes my dad so different than most guys in his position."

Visit **Metro.us** to read about growing up a "clubhouse kid."

Fond memories

Tony Gwynn Jr. waxed about his father during the Phillies last homestand.

- "My dad's my best friend," Gwynn Jr. said. "I have some special memories going to the All-Star game with him. I remember going to the 1998 All-Star game [in Denver]. I remember walking into the National League clubhouse and it was like looking at the knights of the round table. You had Curt Schilling, Barry Bonds, my dad, Trevor Hoffman and they were all talking trash and having fun. It was a blast. Nobody talked more trash than Barry Bonds and perhaps deservedly so."

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Revenge is sweet

Dempsey, Brooks deliver in US victory

They had to wait four years, but Team USA finally had its revenge against Ghana — the team that thwarted its World Cup hopes in 2006 and 2010 — with a 2-1 victory Monday night.

John Brooks put the Americans ahead with a header after a perfect corner kick from Graham Zusi at the 86-minute mark. The Brooks strike was the first-ever goal scored by an American substitute. It also came just four minutes after Ghana evened the score at 1-1.

United States defender John Brooks was the hero Monday night, scoring the game-winner in his World Cup debut. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

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Number of seconds for Clint Dempsey to score against Ghana, the fifth-fastest strike in World Cup soccer history.

Clint Dempsey got the scoring started with a goal almost immediately after the game began.

The U.S. is tied atop Group G following Germany's dominating 4-0 win over Portugal early Monday. EVAN MACY

Star goes down

USA loses Altidore in win

Landon Donovan, at the half of Monday's game, told ESPN's Bob Ley the U.S. resembled "a boxer that was taking punch after punch."

The team will likely be without forward Jozy Altidore. He was carried off the field on a stretcher after badly injuring his hamstring in the first half and will be examined in Sao Paulo on Tuesday. METRO

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4030 Brown St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

The Belmont Academy and Belmont Charter School's Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the schools.

A walk-through meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 19th at 9:00 AM at 4030 Brown St, Philadelphia, PA 19104. All questions should be submitted via email prior to the walk-through to jason.glass@cea-philly.org

All proposals must be submitted no later than **10am on Friday June 27th, 2014.** All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Belmont Charter School and clearly marked: Cleaning and Janitorial Services Proposal

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